
UPDATE ON EUROCITIES ACTIVITIES SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2013

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1. EUROCITIES FORUM MEETINGS & ELECTIONS 2013

2013 Autumn meetings

Forum	Venue	Date	Theme
Environment	Nantes	23-25 Sept	ECOCITY
Mobility	Frankfurt am Main	25-26 Sept	Soft modes, safe roads
Knowledge Society	Manchester	16-18 Oct	Telecities to Smart Cities: 20 years of Urban Digital 1993-2013
Culture	Gdansk	16-19 Oct	Challenging cultural urban polices and strategies
Social Affairs	Belfast	17-18 Oct	Social innovation: investing in communities and collaborative working
Economic Development	Glasgow	21-23 Oct	Youth employment & entrepreneurship

Elections for forum chairs and vice-chairs

This year there will be elections to all positions of forum chair and vice-chair. Several e-mails were sent before and after the summer break with all relevant information, guidelines, forms and deadlines. An overview of our deadlines can be found below. All our current chairs and vice-chairs have confirmed they will run for a second term.

Forum	Date of forum meeting (host city) where election will be held	Application deadlines	Application reminders will be sent	Deadline for electronic votes
Environment	23-25 September (Nantes)	9 September	2 September	16 September
Mobility	25-26 September (Frankfurt)	11 September	4 September	18 September
Knowledge Society	16-18 October (Manchester)	2 October	25 September	9 October
Culture	16-19 October (Gdansk)	2 October	25 September	9 October
Social affairs	17-18 October (Belfast)	3 October	26 September	10 October
Economic Development	21-23 October (Glasgow)	7 October	31 September	14 October

2. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE AS OF AUGUST 2013

Withdrawals in 2013

Full members: Naples

Associate members: Parkstad Limburg

Associate partners: Sahinbey

Associate business partners: Sampas, Sintra

Joiners in 2013

Full members: *Essen (applied August 2013)*

Associate members:

Associate partners: Stavanger (Environment forum)

Associate business partners: ERDF (Mobility forum)

As always we are in contact with many prospective full and associate members, actively encouraging their applications for membership. If you have any information on cities whose membership may be at risk or who may be interested in joining EURO CITIES please email david.preuss@eurocities.eu.

3. POLICY WORK UPDATE

EU budget

Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2014 - 2020

Member states reached agreement on the negotiated MFF package at the European Summit on 27 - 28 June. The agreement was accepted by the European Parliament the following week. The agreement is for a maximum budget ceiling of €960 bn. The ceiling corresponds to 1.0% of the EU's Gross National Income (GNI), reducing the MFF by 3.4%, compared to the current MFF (2007-2013). It is the first time that the overall expenditure limit of a MFF has been reduced compared to the previous MFF.

The MFF provides greater flexibility to move unpaid funds between years and categories of expenditure to make to most to the budget, rather than returning unspent funds to member states as it is currently the case. The MFF shall be reviewed in 2016 and a high level group will be established to review the EU's own resources system.

The Parliament has insisted that the Council close a payment gap of an estimated €11.2 bn for 2013 before giving its final assent to the MFF. The Council has taken a formal decision of a first tranche of €7.3 bn in July and is expected to decide on a second tranche in early autumn. Following that, formal legislative approval of the outcomes of the negotiations will be finalised.

Cohesion Policy

In early July the REGI Committee of the European Parliament formally adopted its reports on the structural funds regulations, confirming the outcomes of the negotiations in the trialogue with the Council and Commission. There were no surprises in the voting outcomes in relation to the urban dimension:

- A minimum of 5% of ERDF funding should be allocated to integrated sustainable urban development.
- Urban authorities, including cities, must be in charge of at least the selection of operations (projects).
- The European Commission will run a programme for innovative actions for sustainable urban development with a budget of €330 million for 2014-2020.
- An Urban Development Network will facilitate exchange of experience between urban authorities implementing the new instruments in the next funding period, including integrated territorial investments and innovative actions.

There is also increased focus on supporting functional urban areas and urban-rural linkages in the regulations.

There was agreement that between 50% (less developed regions) and 80% (more developed regions) of the ERDF budget should concentrate on measures to support innovation and R&D, the digital agenda, the competitiveness of SMEs, and the shift towards a low carbon economy. On low

carbon economy, there is a further obligation to allocate at least between 12% and 20% to energy efficiency and renewable energy.

As regards ESF, the Parliament and Council has agreed that the ESF allocation cannot be lower than in the current funding period and not less than 23.1%.

WG Cohesion policy continues to exchange on the programming for structural funds implementation in the different member states. The WG also follows and feeds into the Commission's thinking related to innovative actions, the Urban Development Network and financial engineering instruments.

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Smart cities - High Level Group

The role of the HLG and our participation

Commissioners Kroes, Kallas and Oettinger set up a High Level Group (HLG) in spring 2013. The role of the HLG is to draft a strategic implementation plan for the European Innovation Partnership on Smart Cities and Communities by November 2013. This should be a broad framework setting a visionary target and providing operational objectives, with a view to accelerating full scale deployment of smart city solutions. It should be a framework for action for all relevant stakeholders (e.g. EU, cities, industry, research, SMEs, NGO).

The Mayor of Warsaw was invited to participate in the HLG as mayor, and also as president of EUROCITIES. We are also represented by Vanda Knowles in the Sherpa group, which does the drafting of the SIP for the HLG. Ahead of each meeting we seek input from our executive committee, forum chairs and our cross-sectoral smart cities group, in addition to liaising closely with Warsaw. EUROCITIES already has 2 published position statements on the smart cities initiative, which have also been used to provide input.

The process so far

There have been four Sherpa meetings so far and one meeting of the HLG. The first two Sherpa meetings focused on what cities need in terms of deploying smart city solutions, and what the barriers are to large scale roll out of these solutions.

The meeting of the HLG (14 May) was chaired jointly by Commissioners Kallas, Oettinger and Kroes and agreed on the main priorities of the Strategic Implementation Plan.

The third and fourth Sherpa meetings identified 12 priority areas for the SIP (listed below). The three areas of: sustainable urban mobility; districts and built environment and; integrated infrastructures, were identified as particularly important and will act as pillars for the other priority areas.

Over the summer the Commission and stakeholders worked on action plans for the twelve priority areas to show how action on these issues will help support smarter cities. These action plans will contain expected impacts, key performance indicators (KPI's) and suggested implementation actions for each of the 12 areas.

- Urban sustainable mobility
- Districts and Built Environment
- Integrated Infrastructures
- Citizen Focus
- Integrated planning & management
- Knowledge sharing
- Procurement
- Finance, Business Models, Funding
- Open data
- Standards
- Baselines, Performances Indicators
- Policy & Regulation
- General Implementation Modes

Next steps

- Following the work over the summer a consolidated full text will be sent on 12 September, for final comments and input at the final Sherpa meeting on 18 September.
- Following this meeting the draft SIP will be finalised and sent to the HLG members.
- A final version should be agreed by the HLG at their final meeting on 14 October.

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Public procurement and concessions

On 5 September, the European Parliament's Internal Market Committee voted on the procurement package. This new legislation will help cities make better procurement choices in the future. The votes covered two public procurement proposals: the general and utilities directives, and the concessions directive. The final vote in EP Plenary is planned for the end of October or November 2013. It is very likely that the texts will be adopted as they stand. After that, member states will have around 2 years to transpose the directives in their internal legislation.

The texts voted on were the result of agreements between the Council and the Parliament, in trilogue with the Commission, reached last June after 4 months of negotiation.

The biggest change is that cities will no longer have to choose the cheapest offer when they award contracts. They will also be able to select bids based on environmental or social merits, on quality or innovativeness, or even the experience of the staff involved in the project. The quality of after-sales service and technical assistance can also be considered when choosing a contractor.

Another major change is that SMEs will find it easier to bid for public contracts. The directives attempt to reduce the amount of paperwork, something that has crippled smaller companies in

the past. They introduce a standard, simplified 'European Single Procurement Document' form in all EU languages.

The content of the new concessions directive was heavily debated. In the end, the EP and the Council listened to the voice of cities and citizens when they decided to exclude the water sector from the scope of the directive. Their decision shows respect for the way water is managed differently in member states, according to different local situations. The concessions directive also confirms the autonomy of contracting authorities who, will be able to decide on the best way to provide public services.

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EUROCITIES policy publications (since June 2013 - all available on website)

- EUROCIDITIES statement on cybersecurity
- EUROCIDITIES statement on the cost of broadband rollout
- EUROCIDITIES statement on housing
- EUROCIDITIES statement on the 2030 EU climate and energy framework
- EUROCIDITIES statement on the clean power for transport package
- EUROCIDITIES statement on the fourth railway package
- EUROCIDITIES statement on the social investment package
- EUROCIDITIES statement on open data
- EUROCIDITIES response to the green paper on a European strategy on plastic waste in the environment

For full update on current and future policy and other activities, see table attached at end of document.

4. EU PRESIDENCIES UPDATE

Lithuanian EU Presidency July - December 2013

- Silvia Ganzerla gave a EUROCITIES presentation at the informal employment and social affairs council meeting on 11 - 12 July in Vilnius. The presentation included examples from Birmingham, Stockholm and Rotterdam to show how cities are implementing the Social Investment Package (SIP). It delivered the message that cities are fundamental for the success of SIP and that we are ready to work in partnership with the EU institutions and national governments.
- The same informal council meeting also saw the adoption of a set of Council Conclusions on the European Alliance for Apprenticeships. We provided city examples on apprenticeship schemes in advance of the meeting to help the Presidency apply a wider focus in the conclusions beyond social partners.
- The Lithuanian vice-minister for social security and employment, Mr Audrius Bitinas, will deliver a keynote speech at our Cities for Active Inclusion conference in Brussels on 25 September.
- The Presidency will host two joint meetings of the Urban Development Group (UDG) and the National Territorial Cohesion Contact Points (NTCCP) on 15 - 16 October and 20 - 21 November (Director Generals). The meetings will focus on shrinking cities in a wider context of challenges arising from free movement of people, out-migration and territorial cohesion.
- In parallel with the UDG-NTCCP meetings organised by Lithuania, the Dutch and Belgian Director Generals for urban development have taken the initiative to host two UDG meetings in Brussels during the summer. The objectives were to discuss work methods and priority themes for the UDG meetings to create better continuity and ensure outcomes. Dorthe Nielsen participated at the latest meeting on 5 September where member states and the Commission agreed to work towards a European Urban Agenda. The objectives, themes and work methods are still to be agreed upon and we will continue to feed into to process.
- The Lithuanian ministry of employment and social affairs will host a conference in November which will focus on ESF and youth employment. The Presidency is also hosting an informal council meeting on cohesion policy on 25 - 26 November. We will continue the dialogue with the Presidency concerning our involvement at these events.
- Greece will take over the Presidency on 1 January 2014. Liaison with the incoming Presidency will initially take place through the Greek Permanent Representation to the EU. Belgium has offered to host the UDG meetings during the Presidency in Brussels. The Committee of the Regions (CoR) is preparing its biannual conference of Europe's cities and Regions in Athens in March 2014 on the midterm review of the Europe 2020 Strategy.

5. PROJECTS UPDATE

Submitted bids

EUROCITIES bid for the Covenant of Mayors' Office

In June we submitted a consortium proposal to DG ENERGY to continue operating the Covenant of Mayors' Office from 2014 to 2016. The next stage will focus on implementation of sustainable energy action plans. Given that many municipalities face budgetary restrictions, raising awareness of available financing schemes and implementation tools will be important. Energy Cities (as coordinator), Climate Alliance, CEMR and FEDARENE are partners.. We expect to hear the results in the autumn 2013.

EUROCITIES proposal for the new climate adaptation initiative

In June we submitted a proposal to DG CLIMA in response to the invitation to tender for "Mainstreaming of climate change adaptation at the local level: Launch of a Climate Change Adaptation Initiative for Cities within the framework of the Covenant of Mayors". This project will adopt a similar approach to the one applied by the Covenant of Mayors for climate change mitigation. ICLEI is the coordinating partner. We expect to hear the results in the autumn 2013.

EUROCITIES tendering for the EU-China eco-cities contract

We were invited by GIZ to tender for the technical assistance to the Europe-China eco-cities link (EC-LINK) project. The project proposes to assist Chinese cities in adopting energy and resource-efficient ecological solutions by sharing experiences on sustainable urbanisation and other relevant policies between Europe and China. EUROCITIES would be responsible for coordinating mutual learning activities between Chinese and European cities. Our consortium submitted a full proposal to the EU delegation in China in late August 2013. We expect to hear the results by the end of October 2013.

New proposal for the European Mobility Week submitted

We led on the response to the new call for tenders launched by DG Environment for the European coordination of the Mobility Week (EMW) for the period 2014-2016. EUROCITIES submitted this offer in early September in cooperation with its two current EMW partners, ICLEI and REC (Regional Environment Centre). We expect to hear the results of this call for tenders in November 2013.

Recently awarded projects

New “Urban Europe” project

The SEISMIC (Societal Engagement in Science, Mutual Learning in Cities) project - submitted by Platform31/EMI under Science in Society strand of the 7th Framework programme - has been selected for funding. SEISMIC will see the creation of ten national urban research networks, facilitating a wide stakeholder participation in establishing urban research priorities nationally and at EU level. The project will strengthen the ‘Joint Programming Initiative - Urban Europe’ launched in 2010 by providing support for its Urban Forum, a mechanism for engaging civil society. We will lead on the ‘policy watch’ work package, monitoring EU and global urban policy developments. The project will start on 15 September 2013.

New ITS project starting in October

Greater Lyon was successful in securing a €9 million project proposal focusing on ITS (Intelligent Transport Systems) under the transport strand of the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7). This project proposal, OPTICITIES, is led by Greater Lyon and involves five other members: Birmingham, Gothenburg, Madrid, Turin and Wroclaw. EUROCITIES will be in charge of the dissemination work package. The project will start on 1 October 2013.

New pre-commercial procurement project

The City of Eindhoven secured a new FP7 project - ENIGMA - on pre-commercial procurement (PCP) and lighting. This proposal offers to launch a transnational joint PCP in the five city partners (Eindhoven, Stavanger, Malmo, Espoo and Bassano del Grappa), and implement five pilot projects in the field of lighting. EUROCITIES will lead on the dissemination and mutual learning work package. The project will start on 1st October 2013.

6. VISIBILITY & COMMUNICATIONS

Partnership with OECD

EUROCITIES is a partner in the Fifth OECD Round Table for Mayors and Ministers, taking place in Marseille on 4 and 5 December. Under the title of 'Better cities for better lives: bridging national and local policies to deliver growth and well-being' mayors from around the world will discuss

- Investing locally for national growth: overcoming the coordination and financing gaps
- Urban attractiveness and accessibility: turning demographic challenges into opportunities
- Places of opportunity: making urban labour markets more inclusive
- The resilient city: making cities greener, smarter and better prepared for the future"

The meeting ends with a joint event with participants from the OECD ministerial meeting on regional policy.

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Joining DG Regio & Committee of the Regions at EU-China Urbanisation Forum

Beijing hosts the 2nd EU-China Urbanisation Forum on 21-22 November 2013*. It will bring together EU and Chinese mayors, representatives of the Chinese central government and EU institutions, city planners and business to share experiences on sustainable urban development. The event is being organised by the European Commission and the Chinese National Development and Reform Commission.

A delegation of EU and Chinese mayors will sign a common declaration on sustainable urban development during a high level session on 21 November*, where European Commission president José Manuel Barroso and Chinese premier Li Keqiang will speak. The delegation of mayors will also participate in a networking event on 22 November* at the Chinese Academy of Governance.

Together with DG REGIO and the Committee of the Regions, we are involved in the organisation of a forum seminar entitled "Green City", which will feature presentations by EU and Chinese city experts. It is scheduled to take place in the afternoon of 21 November*, following the high-level session. The sub-forum is expected to be attended by around 100-130 forum visitors. We have sent an invitation email to our EU contact officers on behalf of the European Commission.

(*dates are most likely dates, still to be officially confirmed)

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New and improved homepage

We revamped our website over the summer with new features to make things simpler for our members:

- on the members homepage you'll find an interactive events calendar with simplified access to meeting documents
- our refreshed public homepage includes a new format for news, a 'did you know' section featuring urban facts and figures, and our Twitter feed

www.eurocities.eu

7. EUROCITIES 2013 GHENT

EUROCITIES 2013 Ghent 'smart citizens' takes place on 27-29 November 2013 and will explore how innovation and technology can be used to empower citizens and build more inclusive, sustainable societies.

Johannes Hahn, European commissioner for regional policy, will participate in the private political session, a closed meeting for discussion between EUROCITIES politicians in the morning of 29 November.

Go to www.eurocities2013.eu for the latest updates about the conference and workshops, as well as online registration.

Workshops

Ghent Climate Alliance - Working together for climate neutrality by 2050

Ghent is mobilising its citizens, policy makers and businesses to work together to achieve climate neutrality by 2050. Through Ghent Climate Alliance, a platform for activities, debates, ideas and solutions, the city hopes to strengthen cooperation between all sectors of society. On the basis that climate change affects all of us, and everyone is a stakeholder, the city is getting people involved through two parallel processes: 'thinking' and 'doing'. The former concerns the debates happening between different stakeholders to develop policy solutions to climate challenges, while the latter includes participatory and co-creative actions which help lead the 'transition' to climate neutrality and lessen our dependence on fossil fuels. This is an opportunity to meet some of these 'thinkers' and 'doers'. Get inspired by their enthusiasm, learn from their ideas and share your thoughts on themes from food and urban farming, innovative energy planning and sustainability in education and culture.

Trojan Bike

Ghent locals aren't just dreaming of a sustainable mobility culture, they're acting on it. In 2012, a diverse group of 25 citizens came together in a 'transition arena' to develop a united vision for the Ghent of tomorrow. Recognising the need to change the way we move about, they developed 'Trojan Bike', which outlines achievable visions for a Ghent of the future where life is both sustainable and good quality. Despite being a long-term plan, a number of small 'icon' projects are already offering an insight into what Ghent might look like in 2050. Two 'school streets' are showcasing a new approach to school gate traffic that makes the drop-off and pickup process a whole lot safer, while three 'living streets' are being implemented from June 2013. The process is ongoing, and we expect to hear more inspiring and surprising ideas from Ghent citizens in years to come.

Waalse Krook: an icon for Ghent

2015 will see a brand new district take shape in central Ghent. The result of an unprecedented partnership between the city library, IMinds & Labs from UGent (University of Ghent) and the VIAA (Flemish Institute for Archiving Audiovisual Heritage), residents will see the rundown areas of Waalse Krook and Wintercircus transformed into a hub of knowledge and culture, at the heart of which will be a new multimedia site. It will also house a new city library and centre for new media and provide new links between the historic centre and the arts quarter. It will be a place of contrasts, bringing together the present (library), the past (VIAA) and the future (IMinds) in a space which simultaneously celebrates the digital and the analogue, the high tech and the conventional.

Around Rabot: 'Toreke' cafe and local currency

Planting window boxes, using green power or collecting litter can all earn you 'Torekes', the local currency in Ghent's Rabot-Blaisanvest district. Spend them on bus passes, cinema tickets or products from participating retailers, or even better, at Eecafé Toreke. At this local café some ten staff, who might otherwise be unable to find a job, serve up healthy meals cooked using vegetables from their allotments and meat from a local butcher. The ethical credentials are reflected in the décor: tables are made from old factory floorboards, walls from old cupboards and recycled coffee tins hang as lights from the ceiling. The café, an efficient business model and the result of cooperation between local stakeholders, offers a much-needed spot for local residents to get together, but also delivers meals by bike to elderly citizens who can't get there. As well as paying in Torekes, the café provides discounted meals to those in financial difficulty.

Ghent Living Lab

Living labs turn the traditional, top-down product development process on its head. They create an ecosystem in which the consumer is involved as much as possible in the different phases of development: identifying needs and problems, formulating solutions and feeding into the actual development and implementation of a product or service. Where traditionally the consumer only comes in at the very end of the process, evaluating a finished product, in living labs they become

'co-creators', resulting in products and services that better respond to their needs and expectations. We will explore the work of Ghent Living Lab (GLL www.gentlivinglab.be), including a co-design session, learn about the European living lab framework and consider the role that cities and citizens can play in a local living lab.

Sowing on concrete: temporary uses for public areas

When land marked for redevelopment is left empty between the planning and implementation phases, local governments often resort to fencing it off or turning it into a cost-effective temporary use, such as construction storage or parking. But there is scope for more creative solutions, solutions which benefit, and are led by, the local community. An example can be found in Ghent's Rabot quarter, where an urban renewal project, 'Bruggen naar Rabot' ('Bridges to Rabot') will see the site of a former factory turned into houses and green space. Until then, the one-and-a-half hectare concrete floor has become a meeting place for the local community, complete with barbeque equipment, 160 allotments, a football pitch and children's farm. As well as helping to develop a sense of community, the site contributes to the neighbourhood's socio-cultural and socio-economic development. So much so that the city is planning to find a permanent space for the site, which serves as an example for similar spaces across the city.

Speednetworking

Speednetworking sessions are again a central feature of this year's conference. These sessions offer city delegations the chance to present an innovative project inspired by the theme, 'smart citizens', or on another topic. You can submit your city's proposal for a speednetworking session using the application form available on the website. Deadline: 15 October.

EUROCITIES awards

The deadline for this year's EUROCITIES awards passed on 24 May 2013. We received a total of 27 entries over the three categories: 11 in 'smart governance'; six in 'smart jobs' and 10 in 'smart living' from a total of 17 cities.

The shortlisted entries are:

Smart governance:

- Edinburgh: Your library Your Edinburgh
- Gijon: Citizen Card
- Helsinki: Helsinki Region Infoshare Service

Smart jobs:

- Birmingham: Entrepreneurs for the Future -e4f
- Brighton & Hove: BEACH - Brighton Employability Advice and Careers Hut
- Vienna: Innovation and entrepreneurship

Smart Living:

- Edinburgh: Edinburgh Outdoors
- Gijon: LabCityCar: Sustainable Mobility
- Ljubljana: Providing safety and equal opportunities for children and people with disabilities

The winners will be announced at the evening awards ceremony on 27 November 2013 in Ghent.

Overview of what's coming up: September-December 2013

Date	Meeting/activity	Notes	Contact
September			
5	Meeting of the Urban Development Group, Director Generals, Brussels	The meeting focused on the development of a joint European urban agenda between EU member states	Dorthe.nielsen@eurocites.eu
9-10	Integrating cities VI conference, Tampere	The sixth edition of the Integrating Cities conference was held alongside the Metropolis International Conference.	Thomas.jezequel@eurocities.eu
17	EUROCITIES in the cities, Barcelona	Spanish cities met with us in Barcelona to discuss their experiences in the network. Focus: general update on network activities and latest information on EU budget 2014-2020 and funding programmes.	David.preuss@eurocities.eu
18-19	URBAN-NEXUS Dialogue Café, Sofia	Focus on "Integrated Data and Monitoring", looking at good and bad examples of data acquisition & integration, and monitoring of urban changes.	Denisa.naidin@eurocities.eu
19-20	Eastern Partnership Local Government Forum, Bialystok	Focus: the role of local government in the context of the Eastern Partnership. Our WG on European Neighbourhood Policy will meet in Bialystok alongside.	David.preuss@eurocities.eu
23-25	EUROCITIES Environment Forum, Nantes	Alongside the ECOCITY world summit in Nantes (see 25-27 September)	Michael.klinkenberg@eurocities.eu
24	EU public private platform on cyber security	This first meeting of the working groups of the cyber security public private platform will take place in Brussels and will look at risk management strategies, information exchange and secure ICT research and innovation. The chair of the EUROCITIES working group on cyber security will participate.	George.niland@eurocities.eu
25	Cities for Active Inclusion final event	Our Cities for Active Inclusion present findings from three years of research at this high-level event.	Susana.forjan@eurocities.eu
25-26	EUROCITIES Mobility Forum, Frankfurt	Focus: road safety, 'Soft modes, safe roads'. Five Mobility Forum working groups will meet in parallel.	Vanessa.holve@eurocities.eu
25-27	ECOCITY World Summit Nantes	Nantes hosts the summit as part of its year as European green capital in 2013. Focus: urban sustainability. Participants: elected officials, businesses, researchers, funders and NGOs.	Vanda.knowles@eurocities.eu
28	World Mayors Summit Nantes	Mayors will convene to adopt the Nantes Declaration of Mayors and Subnational Leaders on Climate Change - Local Government Climate Roadmap 2013-2015. The next round of UN climate negotiations starts in Warsaw in November with the aim	Vanda.knowles@eurocities.eu

		of finding a global agreement in 2015. The Nantes declaration will stress the importance of local and regional authorities in the fight against climate change.	
Other Activities	<p>WG Migration and Integration, Tampere, 11 September</p> <p>WG Creative industries, London, 12-13 September</p> <p>WG European Neighborhood policy and enlargement, Bialystok, 18 September (tbc)</p> <p>Cities for Active Inclusion case study collection</p> <p>Cities for Active Inclusion final report with policy recommendations</p>		<p>Ana.feder@eurocities.eu</p> <p>Julie.herve@eurocities.eu</p> <p>David.preuss@eurocities.eu</p> <p>Susana.forjan@eurocities.eu</p> <p>Susana.forjan@eurocities.eu</p>
What else are we expecting in September?			
EU Commission	<p>We are expecting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal for a package on telecoms regulation (harmonisation of telecoms services across EU) 		
EU Council	<p>We are expecting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competitiveness Council decision on state aid 		
European Parliament	<p>We are expecting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendments to 4th Railway Package • Deadline for amendments to cyber security directive • Parliament draft report on reducing the cost of broadband rollout <p>We are expecting plenary votes on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public procurement and concessions directives • 7th environment action programme • Youth employment initiative 		
October			
1-2	CIVITAS Forum Conference, Brest	The CIVITAS Forum 2013 will continue its mission of supporting cities to introduce ambitious transport measures and policies towards sustainable urban mobility.	Yannick.bousse@eurocities.eu
7-10	Open Days, Brussels	The 11 th European week of regions and cities will be held under the theme 'Europe's regions and cities taking off for 2020'	

8	EUROCITIES - cities in action, Brussels	We will host an open doors afternoon, and an evening reception, which will feature an exhibition of urban case studies and best practices as part of the Open Days '100 'EUrban solutions' exhibition route.	Sinead.mullins@eurocities.eu
9	EUROCITIES Economic Development Forum politicians event, Brussels	Our politicians will meet with European Commissioner Antonio Tajani, responsible for industry and entrepreneurship.	Marie.ranty@eurocities.eu
10	CASCADE Open Days workshop, Brussels	CASCADE cities will present two of the four peer-to-peer learning and networking methods they have tested as part of the project. The workshop will be followed by a networking event.	loanna.tsalakanidou@eurocities.eu
14	High Level Group on smart cities and communities, Brussels	Second and final meeting of the High Level Group, which is due to finalise and approve the strategic implementation plan for the European Innovation Partnership on smart cities and communities. We are represented on this group by our President, Mayor of Warsaw	Vanda.knowles@eurocities.eu
15-16	Joint meeting of the National Territorial Cohesion Contact points (NTCCP) and the Urban Development Group (UDG), Vilnius	Focus: intra-EU migration and impact on public services in cities.	Dorthe.nielsen@eurocities.eu
16-18	EUROCITIES Knowledge Society Forum, Manchester	Telecities to Smart Cities: 20 years of Urban Digital 1993-2013	George.niland@eurocities.eu
16-19	EUROCITIES Culture Forum, Gdansk	Focus: trends in cities' cultural policies. Working title: Challenging cultural urban policies and strategies.	Julie.herve@eurocities.eu
17-18	EUROCITIES Social Affairs forum, Belfast	Social innovation - focusing on collaborative working and investment in communities.	Anna.drozd@eurocities.eu
21-22	SHARE final conference, Brussels	Presenting the results of the SHARE project on refugee resettlement.	Thomas.jezequel@eurocities.eu
21-23	CIVITAS study tour, Zagreb-Ljubljana	Zagreb and Ljubljana are organising a joint study tour in cooperation with CIVITAS VANGUARD. The two visits are organised back to back and will showcase the best of mobility measures these cities have to offer within CIVITAS ELAN.	Yannick.bousse@eurocities.eu
21-23	EUROCITIES Economic Development Forum, Glasgow	Focus: youth employment and entrepreneurship.	Marie.ranty@eurocities.eu
23 -25	OECD final RURBAN Conference (urban-rural partnerships), Bologna	WG Met Areas will organise a pre-conference seminar on the Metropolitan Areas in Action study (metropolitan area governance)	Dorthe.nielsen@eurocities.eu
Other Activities	WG Branding management and city attractiveness, Utrecht, 2-4 October WG Education, The Hague, 2-4 October WG Waste, Vienna, 7 October		Julie.herve@eurocities.eu Anna.drozd@eurocities.eu Michael.klinkenberg@eurocities.eu

What else are we expecting in October?			
European Commission	We are expecting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission proposals on the review of EU air quality policy (tbc) • Amendments to Clean Power for Transport Package 		
European Parliament	We are expecting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plenary vote on structural funds regulations • Parliament discussion and amendments on reducing the cost of broadband rollout • Discussion on amendments to cyber security draft report • Plenary vote on LIFE regulation 		
November			
6 (tbc)	EUROCITIES event with the urban intergroup of the European Parliament, Brussels	The event will gather MEPs and city representatives in a panel discussion on Cities' cultural and creative industries creating growth and jobs for Europe. The event will be jointly organised by EUROCITIES and the Urban Intergroup.	Julie.herve@eurocities.eu
11-22	COP19, Warsaw	During this latest phase of the UN climate negotiations, Warsaw, as host city, will host an event for mayors to deliver the Nantes Declaration (Local government Climate Roadmap 2013-2015). For further details see 28 Sept World Mayors Summit	Michael.klinkenberg@eurocities.eu
14-15	Third Green Digital Charter roadshow, Amsterdam	The third and last Green Digital Charter (GDC) roadshow will take place in Amsterdam, showcasing city good practices in energy efficiency and ICT.	Nikolaos.kontinakis@eurocities.eu
21 - 22	Joint NTCCP-UDG meeting, Director Generals, Vilnius		Dorthe.nielsen@eurocities.eu
20-23 (tbc)	EU-China summit and seminar, Beijing	The summit will bring together mayors and decision-makers from China and the EU. We are co-organising a sub-forum on 'urban energy solutions' and the role of public-private partnerships and innovative financial engineering in this respect.	David.preuss@eurocities.eu
21	Joint meeting of WG Met Areas and WG Governance, Strasbourg	The meeting will include a session with the Urban Intergroup of the European Parliament on metropolitan governance	Soraya.zanardo@eurocities.eu
27-29	EUROCITIES annual conference 'smart citizens', Ghent	EUROCITIES 2013 Ghent will explore how innovation and new technology can be used to empower citizens and build more inclusive, more sustainable societies. More info under www.eurocities2013.eu .	Sinead.mullins@eurocities.eu
25-26	Informal ministerial on Cohesion Policy, Vilnius		Dorthe.nielsen@eurocities.eu

26-27	3 rd Annual Convention of the Platform against Poverty	The convention will reflect on the progress towards reaching the Europe 2020 poverty reduction target.	Anna.drozd@eurocities.eu
Other Activities	WG Public Services, Munich, 20-21 November WG Noise, Bilbao, 29-29 November WG Clean Cities, Frankfurt, 29 November 10th European Integration Forum - Citizenship and political participation of migrants, Brussels, 26-27 November		Marie.ranty@eurocities.eu Michael.klinkenberg@eurocities.eu Michael.klinkenberg@eurocities.eu Ana.feder@eurocities.eu
What else are we expecting in November?			
EU Council			
European Commission	We are expecting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban Mobility Package 		
European Parliament	We are expecting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on Parliament draft report on reducing the cost of broadband rollout • Committee votes on 4th Railway Package and the Clean Power for Transport Package • Amendments and discussion on EP draft report on reducing the cost of broadband rollout (possible vote in Committee) 		
December			
4-5	5th OECD mayors and ministers roundtable, Marseille	The roundtable will focus on how national governments and cities can better work together to foster growth and well-being. Discussions will focus on mobilising investment in hard and soft infrastructures, fostering innovation and strengthening environmental sustainability, financial resilience and social inclusion.	Nicola.vatthauer@eurocities.eu
Other Activities	Roma Inclusion Task Force, Budapest, Date TBC Closing conference East-West cooperation on cities for Roma inclusion, Budapest, date TBC		Ana.feder@eurocities.eu Ana.feder@eurocities.eu